Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of acquiring a license in a hub network, comprising:

sending a license request from a client to a server;

sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server; and

receiving a sub-copy license at said client from said server in response to said license request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network and are members of said hub network,

wherein said license request identifies a sub-copy version of content stored on said client, said sub-copy version including sub-copy locked content data,

wherein said sub-copy version is a copy of a source version of content, the source version being a source for generating the sub-copy version of content which is provided to the client through the hub network when client is connected to the server,

wherein said source version is bound to the hub network and stored on said server, and said sub-copy version is bound to members of said hub network

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before receiving said license data including a sub-copy license at said client;

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wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a

secure clock of said server.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

updating said sub-copy license for said sub-copy version stored on said client;

wherein

updating said sub-copy license includes updating said sub-copy license according

to said received sub-copy license.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates permissions for using said sub-copy version.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period, and

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license

is valid.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said expiration period including resetting

said expiration time if said expiration time was previously set to a different value;

wherein said client has a secure client clock,

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when said client clock indicates that the current expiration time has been reached, said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled, and

said client will not decrypt said sub-copy locked content data when said sub-copy license is disabled.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said connection confirmation indicates said client is connected to said server.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said connection confirmation indicates said client is within a local environment of said server, and

said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a security confirmation from said client to said server,

wherein said security confirmation indicates a state of security data stored on said client.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a security update at said client from said server;

wherein said security update includes new security data.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein:

said security data includes a new key for decryption.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said received sub-copy license.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving said sub-copy version from a device that is a member of a different hub

network from said hub network; and

obtaining a new license from a licensing authority indicated by the sub-copy

version.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented)

A method of providing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a license request from a client at a server;

sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and

sending license data from said server to said client in response to said license

request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said license

request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and said license data

corresponding to said sub-copy version is bound to said hub network,

wherein said sub-copy version and copies of said sub-copy version of a bound

instance are made only by clients connected to said hub network;

synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock

according to said server clock before sending said license data including a sub-copy

license to said client;

wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client; said server clock is a

secure clock of said server.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said license data corresponds to a sub-copy license for said sub-copy version and

includes data for updating said sub-copy license.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-

copy version.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period,

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license is valid, and

when said expiration time has been reached after sending said license data, said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is connected to said server.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is within a local environment of said server, and

said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

sending a security confirmation request from said server to said client,

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wherein said security confirmation request requests confirmation of a state of

security data stored on said client.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

receiving a security confirmation at said server from said client;

wherein said security confirmation indicates said state of said security data stored

on said client.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

sending a security update from said server to said client.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein:

wherein said security update includes a new key for decryption.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

checking a revocation list to determine whether said client is included in said

revocation list;

wherein said revocation list is stored on said server.

28 – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

sending a refresh request from a client to a server;

sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server;

receiving an updated sub-copy license at said client from said server in response to said refresh request; and

updating a sub-copy license stored on said client according to said updated license data;

wherein said client and said server are members of a hub network, said refresh request corresponds to a sub-copy version of content stored on said client, said sub-copy version includes sub-copy locked content data, and

wherein said sub-copy license is a license tied to said sub-copy version, said sub-copy version is bound to members of said hub network, and said sub-copy is generated from a source version that is bound to the hub network

31. (Previously Presented) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a refresh request from a client at a server;

sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and

sending an updated sub-copy license from said server to said client in response to said refresh request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network and are members of said hub network, said refresh request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and

wherein said updated sub-copy license updates a sub-copy license corresponding to said sub-copy version, said sub-copy version is bound to said hub network, and said sub-copy is generated from a source version that is bound to the hub network.